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SUBJECT: DDR ON JAMMING OF RIAS

1. ON ASSIGNMENT IN ROSTOCK AT BALTIC SEA WEEK, RIAS REPORTER ERNST STEINKE ATTENDED OFFICIAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH DDR'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER EWALDT MOLDT WAS ASKED IF DDR JAMMING OF RIAS WAS CONSISTENT WITH DETENTE CLIMATE. (QUESTION POSED BY LOTHAR LOEWE OF ARD/TV).

MOLDT ANSWERED ONE SHOULD NOT, AT THIS TIME OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, RAISE QUESTIONS WHICH CREATE PROBLEMS AND SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE.

2. LATER, TALKING WITH HERR WEHMANN OF DDR FOREIGN OFFICE JOURNALISTIC SECTION, STEINKE WAS GIVEN ANOTHER VERSION OF MOLDT'S RESPONSE. WEHMANN WAS OF OPINION THAT LF/MF ASSIGNMENTS AT COPENHAGEN IN 1948 WERE MADE TO SERVICE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEEDS. STEINKE POINTED OUT THAT RIAS HAS NO LONG-WAVE CHANNEL AND THAT IT WAS LOGICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR RIAS TO HAVE MEDIUM-WAVE CAPACITY IN BERLIN, JUST

AS IT HAS FM. WEHMANN, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT MEDIUM-WAVE FREQUENCIES SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR STATIONS PROVIDING NATIONAL COVERAGE.

COMMENT: QUITE POSSIBLE ARGUMENT THAT RIAS REALLY DOES NOT NEED MEDIUM-WAVE FREQUENCY SINCE IT BROADCASTING TO WEST BERLIN WHERE FM ADEQUATE WILL SURFACE IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.ROSINUS

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